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To: CT Higher Education Committee
Regarding: HB No. 5014 A Tax Credit For Providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences.

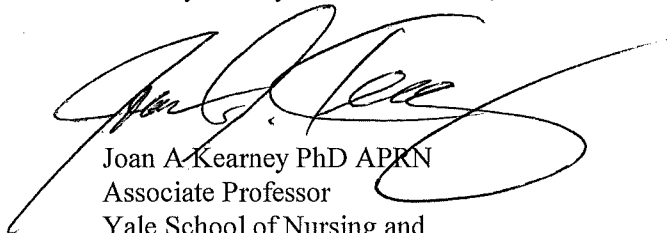
Dear Legislators,

I am in full support of HB No 5014, providing a tax credit for providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences. As Director of the Nursing Practice Doctorate as well as senior faculty member and child psychiatric clinical supervisor for the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program at Yale University School of Nursing, I see this a critical initiative for workforce training. This is with particular respect to the emergent need for high caliber, well trained Nursing professionals to address access to care issues in Ct. One of the leading challenges to this is the availability of clinical preceptors and sites that can provide training to our students.

Currently we face a shortage of both and those preceptors who do provide services do so free of charge while facing increasing pressure to limit their services to students. Recent models of payment to preceptors require added fees to students, exacerbating student debt. Moreover, students who simply can't afford the added charges are often rejected by organizations for precepting. As you know, our state and national Nursing education model lends itself to this type of difficulty, unlike the physician training model, which is supported through employer provisions or governmental subsidies. These provisions and subsidies are not available to us for the education of our Nursing workforce, which forms the backbone of healthcare service in this country.

I strongly support this bill for all these reasons and urge you to vote yes. It will move us into the future in providing excellence in healthcare education while serving the needs of the citizens of Ct.. This is particularly true with respect to our most vulnerable groups who are overwhelmingly served by nurses and Nurse Practitioners.

Thank you for your consideration,



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